UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI EASTERN DIVISION

COREY LOUIS HINES,)	
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Petitioner,)	
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v.)	No. 4:10CV1779 TIA
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LISA J.W. HOLLINGWORTH,)	
)	
Respondent.)	

MEMORANDUM AND ORDER

This matter is before the Court on petitioner's petition for writ of habeas corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254. Petitioner seeks to overturn an old municipal conviction dated December 23, 2004, for stealing and possession of drug paraphernalia, for which he received ten days jail time. Petitioner is currently serving a federal sentence for other charges and is imprisoned in USP Marion.

District courts have jurisdiction to entertain petitions for habeas relief only from persons who are "in custody in violation of the Constitution or laws or treaties of the United States." 28 U.S.C. § 2241(c)(3) (emphasis added). The custody requirement is fulfilled when a petitioner is in custody "under the conviction or sentence under attack at the time his petition is filed." Maleng v. Cook, 490 U.S. 488, 490-91 (1989). Where, as is the case here, the sentence under attack has fully expired, the custody requirement is not met. Id. As a result, the Court does not have

jurisdiction over the petition, and the Court will dismiss it. <u>See</u> Fed. R. Civ. P. 12(h)(3); Rule 4 of the Rules Governing § 2254 Cases.

Accordingly,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that petitioner's motion to proceed in forma pauperis is GRANTED.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that petitioner's petition for habeas corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254 is DISMISSED.

An Order of Dismissal will be filed with this Memorandum and Order.

Dated this 29th day of September, 2010.

CATHERINE D. PERRY

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE